Delay in supplying Text Books

379. Sri S. R. BOMMAI (Kundgol).—

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of text books nationalised by the Government from First Primary Standard to S.S.L.C. Standard in the State ;

(*b*) whether all the nationalised text books were printed and were ready for sale before the commencement of the academic year for the Primary and Secondary Schools in the State ;

(*c*) if not, the reasons for delay in printing and selling the books ;

(*d*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that a number of text books prescibed are not available for sale in the market even after two months of the opening of the schools ;

(*e*) if so, the action taken to speed up the supply of text books ?

Sri N. M. KOTRABASAIAH SOGI (Minister for Education).—

(*a*) The number of text books nationalised up to 31st July 1969 are :—

For Primary Standards	...	134
For Secondary Standards	...	59
		193

(*b*) Yes, with the exception of (i) Compulsory English Text for VIII Standard and (ii) Science, Mathematics and Social Studies Text Books for Standarad I..

(*c*) The delay was partly due to preparation of the textual material to suit the revised syllabus and partly to the extra time taken by the Printing Presses to print the books, copies of which were required in lakhs.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) (i) Officers of the Department were sent round the Districts to examine the supply position of nationalised text books and elminate local shortages.

(ii) Whenever reports about non-availability of books were received either from District Book Depots or from the Public, prompt action was taken to rush the books to the needy places.

(iii) A separate Directorate of text books is being established to ensure speed and efficiency in production and distribution of nationalised texts.

Sri S. R. BOMMAI. —Has it come to the notice of the Government that some text-books are not yet available in the market even to-day ?

† Sri N. M. KOTRABASAIAH SOGI.—Whenever it has come to the notice of the Government that there is a shortage of books immediate action is taken and all district officers are kept alert about the supply of books. We are making timely supply of books to all the district depots. In this connection, I would like to point out that some of the private book-sellers are creating an artificial scarcity in order to give a bad name to nationalisation and to sell their guides.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ನಾಗಪ್ಪ.—(ಗು) ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಉತ್ತರವಾಗಿ ಪಠ್ಯ ಪುಸ್ತಕಗಳ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕ ಇಲಾಖೆಯೊಂದನ್ನು ಸ್ಥಾಪಿಸಲಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಸರ್ಕಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಇಬ್ಬರು ಡೈರೆಕ್ಟರುಗಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ; ನಾಲ್ಕು ಜನ ಜಾಯಿಂಟ್ ಡೈರೆಕ್ಟರುಗಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇಷ್ಟಿರುವಾಗ ಮತ್ತೆ ಹೊಸದಾಗಿ ಡೈರೆಕ್ಟೊರೇಟ್ ಪಠ್ಯ ಪುಸ್ತಕಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಮಾಡುವುದು ಸರಿಯಾದ ನೀತಿಯುಲ್ಲ ಎಂಬುದು ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ!

ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ಎಂ. ಕೊಟ್ರಬಸಯ್ಯ ಸೋಗಿ.—ಈಗ ಪಠ್ಯ ಪುಸ್ತಕಗಳನ್ನು ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಕರಣ ಮಾಡಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಲಕ್ಷಗಟ್ಟಲೆ ಪುಸ್ತಕಗಳನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಅವನ್ನು ಪ್ರಿಂಟ್ ಮಾಡುವುದು, ಪ್ರೊಸೆಸಿಂಗ್ ಮುಂತಾದ ಕೆಲಸ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕ ಡೈರೆಕ್ಟೊರೇಟನ್ನು ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾದ ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆ ಇದೆ.

Sri AZEEZ SAIT.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that particularly Urdu nationalised books are not being supplied promptly to the book-sellers in various districts ?

Sri N. M. KOTRABASAIAH SOGI.—We are taking prompt action to supply all the nationalised text-books including Urdu books in time. As I stated, some of the book-sellers are creating an artificial scarcity so as to sell their guides. However, if shortage of any text-books is brought to the notice of the Government, prompt action will be taken.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY.—It is wrong to state that there is a scarcity created by book-sellers. Is it not a fact that notionalised text books themselves are not supplied in time? The Government has supplied only 10 per cent of the need. If there are 5,000 students, the Government has supplied only 2,000 books. In view of that, how do the Government say that the book sellers have created a scarcity?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ಎಂ. ಕೊಟ್ರಬಸಯ್ಯ ಸೋಗಿ.—ಈ ಮುಂಚೆಯೇ ಲಕ್ಷಗಟ್ಟಲೆ ಪುಸ್ತಕಗಳನ್ನು ಪ್ರಿಂಟ್ ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆಯೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದೆ. ಒಂದೇ ಸಲ ಜಾಸ್ತಿ ಪ್ರಿಂಟ್ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಪುಡಿಲ್ಲ. ಒಂದೊಂದು ಸಲಕ್ಕೆ 50 ಸಾವಿರ ಪ್ರಿಂಟ್ ಮಾಡುವರು. ಪ್ರಿಂಟಾದಂತೆಲ್ಲಾ ರಾಜ್ಯಕ್ಕೆಲ್ಲಾ ಹಂಚುವರು. ಆದಷ್ಟು ಬೇಗ ಒಂದು ತಿಂಗಳೊಳಗಾಗಿ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಭಾಗಗಳಿಗೂ ಕೂಡ ಪುಸ್ತಕಗಳನ್ನೊದಗಿಸಲು ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಎಲ್ಲಾದರೂ ಶಾರ್ಟೇಜ್ ಇದೆ ಎಂದು ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ತಿಳಿಸಿದ ತಕ್ಷಣ ಕಳುಹಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಮಾಡಿದ್ದೇವೆ.

Delay in implementing the Land Reforms Act

499. Sri A. R. BADARINARAYAN (Shimoga).—

Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it has come to the notice of Government that there is unrest amongst the people since the implementation of Land Reforms Act is delayed too much ;